

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 2, 19, 20, 21, 37 and 39 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 40 and 41.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 22-29 and 33 as indicated below (material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay **having a latching member**, the printing fluid container comprising:

a leading surface; and

an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into a desired **an operational** position with a desired orientation; and

a latching surface configured to be selectively engaged by the latching member of the printing-fluid container, and wherein the latching surface and the alignment pocket intersect a horizontally extending plane.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the latching surface is located on a rim portion of the printing-fluid container.

4. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the latching surface faces opposite the leading surface.

5. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, further comprising an air-interface and an ink-interface, wherein a common vertical axis intersects the air-interface and the ink-interface.

6. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned on the vertical axis intermediate the ink-interface and the air-interface.

7. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned on the vertical axis above the ink-interface and below the air-interface.

8. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising an electrical interface, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

9. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

10. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 7, further comprising an electrical interface and a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

11. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 10, wherein the horizontal axis is normal to the vertical axis.

12. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned substantially equidistant from the air-interface and the ink-interface.

13. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 5, wherein the vertical axis bisects the leading surface.

14. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket includes tapered sidewalls.

15. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket recesses substantially normal to the leading surface.

16. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket recesses at least 15 millimeters from the leading surface.

17. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein the alignment pocket has a substantially rectangular opening.

18. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 1, wherein a depth of the alignment pocket is at least approximately 1.5 times a width of an opening of the alignment pocket.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with the outwardly-extending alignment member.

23. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational a-seated orientation in the printing-fluid container bay.

24. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket includes tapered sidewalls.

25. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket recesses substantially normal to the leading surface.

26. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket recesses at least 15 millimeters from the leading surface.

27. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein the alignment pocket has a substantially rectangular opening.

28. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 41, wherein a depth of the alignment pocket is at least approximately 1.5 times a width of an opening of the alignment pocket.

29. (Currently Amended) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay that includes an outwardly-extending alignment member, the printing-fluid container comprising:

a reservoir having a leading portion;

an air-interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir;

an ink-interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir below the air-interface; and

an alignment pocket positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir between the air-interface and the ink-interface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with the outwardly-extending alignment member; and

a latching surface configured to be selectively engaged by a corresponding latching member of the printing-fluid container bay, wherein a horizontally extending plane intersects the latching surface and the alignment pocket.

30. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein the alignment pocket is positioned substantially equidistant from the air-interface and the ink-interface.

31. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein a common vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket.

32. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, wherein the vertical axis bisects the leading portion of the reservoir.

33. (Currently Amended) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, wherein the vertical axis is an axis of symmetry relative to a shape of the leading front portion of the printing-fluid container.

34. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising a keying pocket positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket and the alignment pocket.

35. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising an electrical interface positioned on the leading portion of the reservoir, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the alignment pocket.

36. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 31, further comprising an electrical interface and a keying pocket, wherein a common horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the keying pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Original) The printing-fluid container of claim 29, wherein the leading portion of the reservoir includes a substantially planar leading surface.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (New) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay, the printing fluid container comprising:

a leading surface; and

an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational position;

an air-interface on the leading surface above the alignment pocket;

an ink-interface on the leading surface below the alignment pocket, wherein a vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket; and

an electrical interface, wherein a horizontal axis intersects the electrical interface and the alignment pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.

41. (New) A printing-fluid container configured for lateral insertion into a printing-fluid container bay, the printing fluid container comprising:

a leading surface; and

an alignment pocket recessed into a center portion of the leading surface, wherein the alignment pocket is configured to mate with an outwardly-extending alignment member of the printing-fluid container bay so as to guide the printing-fluid container into an operational position;

an air-interface on the leading surface above the alignment pocket;

an ink-interface on the leading surface below the alignment pocket, wherein a vertical axis intersects the air-interface, the ink-interface, and the alignment pocket; and

a keying pocket recessed into the leading surface, wherein a horizontal axis intersects the keying pocket and the alignment pocket, and wherein the horizontal axis intersects the vertical axis at the alignment pocket.